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PRESS RELEASE

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is inviting the public to participate in its popular seven-week Community Awareness Academy, which offers an inside look at the growing law enforcement agency.

Each Tuesday evening from March 6 until April 17, participants will hear from members of the department's special units and take "field trips" to the 911 emergency dispatch center, the Placer County Jail and morgue, as well as the helicopter hangar and boat yards.

Classes are held at the Placer County Sheriff's Department in Auburn from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The academy kicks off with a welcome by top sheriff's administrators and an overview of how the department works.

On subsequent nights, presentations will be made by Air Operations, Search and Rescue, boat patrol, the bomb squad, the Special Enforcement Team, hostage negotiators, investigations and the drug task force. There will also be a K-9 demonstration.

The academy is intended to provide the citizens of Placer County with an overview of the Sheriff Department's functions, policies and procedures, as well as getting them involved in the community. The goal of the academy is to provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age.

Following the academy, attendees interested in becoming a sheriff's volunteer must attend a four-night training academy and must submit to a fingerprint and background check. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Deputy Victoria Skellenger at (916) 652-2425.

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